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SUBJECT: EC FOLLOW-ON TO BUTLER/COOPER DISCUSSIONS OF
NORTH-SOUTH QUESTIONS

1. MICHAEL BUTLER OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE ON FEB 24 GAVE US A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF DEVELOP-
MENTS SINCE HIS DISCUSSION OF NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WITH
UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AND OTHERS IN WASHINGTON. HE
SAID THAT ON TUESDAY, FEB 22, HE HAD PRESIDED OVER
A HIGH LEVEL GROUP MEETING IN BRUSSELS. A MAIN AIM
IN THE MEETING WAS TO GET A COMMUNITY POSITION FOR
THE COMMON FUND CONFERENCE. HE HOPED THAT THE COMMUNITY
WOULD GO INTO THE CONFERENCE STATING THAT IT WAS
ATTENDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS CONFERENCE HAD TO
DO WITH FINANCING COMMODITY STABILIZATION MEASURES. THE
COMMUNITY WOULD DECLARE ITSELF READY TO DISCUSS THE
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POSSIBILITY OF A COMMON FUND, BUT WITH NO PRIOR COMMIT-
MENT REGARDING ITS PARTICIPATION IN A FUND UNTIL THE
TERMS OF THE FUND WERE KNOWN. ANY DECISION TO SET UP A
FUND WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN AT THE END OF THE CONFER-
ENCE, NOT THE BEGINNING. THE COMMUNITY SHOULD INSIST
THAT A COMMON FUND NOT INTERVENE IN INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY
AREAS, AND NOT DICTATE THE FORM OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY

ARRANGEMENTS: AND THAT COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD DEPOSIT WITH AS WELL AS BORROW FROM THE COMMON FUND. PROBLEMS SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR: FOR EXAMPLE, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT ANY AID ELEMENT IN A COMMON FUND WOULD COMPETE WITH OTHER AID USES. HE FELT THAT SUCH A COMMUNITY APPROACH WOULD BE LIKELY TO DIVIDE THE LDCS AND STRING OUT THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION. HE WAS STILL REASONABLY HOPEFUL THAT EC AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED, BUT THE GERMANS AND THE DUTCH WERE STILL BEING OBSTREPEROUS. DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE NEXT TUESDAY AT A MEETING OF COREPER (WITH SOME ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION). IT MIGHT THEN COMEP UP AT THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING OF MARCH 8.

2. REGARDING CIEC, BUTLER SAID THAT IT HAD EMERGED RATHER CLEARLY FROM THE TUESDAY MEETING THAT IF CIEC WAS TO BE PUT TO BED WITH AN APPEARANCE OF FAIR SUCCESS IN MAY (WITH AGREEMENT THAT SOME LATER RESTRICTED NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE WAS NOT EXCLUDED), THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SOMETHING SPECIFIC TO OFFER. THAT SPECIFIC WOULD BE THE GROUP OF 8 CONTRIBUTION TO A SATISFACTORY OUTCME. SUCH A "SWEETNER" MIGHT FOR EXAMPLE BE IN THE DEBT AREA. THERE WAS A NEED TO GO TO THE LDCS IN LATE APRIL AFTER A MID-APRIL MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 8, SAYING THAT THE GROUP OF 8 WAS PREPARED TO PUT SOME CONCESSIONS INTO THE FINAL CIEC PACKAGE PROVIDED THAT THE WORDING OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE WAS ACCEPTABLE. IT SHOULD BE STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT THE CONCESSIONS DEPENDED ON THE LANGUAGE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE. IF A DEAL COULD NOT BE WORKED OUT, CIEC SHOULD SIMPLY "PACK UP".

3. HE SAID THAT AT THE BRUSSELS MEETING THE IDEA OF A LATE MAY TIMING FOR THE CIEC MINISTERIAL WAS GENERALLY AGREED TO. IT WAS ALSO GENERALLY AGREED THAT, IF NECESSARY, THERE VOULD BE LOWER LEVEL CIEC MEETINGS IN LATE APRIL, PREFERABLY A MEETING OF THE CO-CHAIREN, OR A MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IF NEED BE, ALTHOUGH THE KEY ELEMENT IN THE PROCESS LEADING UP TO THE MINISTERIAL WOULD BE BILATERAL NORTH-SOUTH MEETINGS TO TAKE PLACE AFTER A MID-APRIL G-8 MEETING.
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